

citizens and residents of Japan and this application originated there.

Accordingly, the amendments to the specification are made to place the application in idiomatic English, and the claims are amended to place them in better condition for examination.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADEIN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended as follows:

--A headphone device [according to the present invention includes] including an earpad [(5) to be] worn [from the] outside of the ear (15) on the head [(14),] of a user and a housing [(4) that is] provided with a speaker unit as well as a fitting portion (8) on which the earpad (5) is fit. The earpad [(5) comprise] includes a cushion (9) and a facing (10) that covers the cushion (9). The earpad [(5) can be attached] is attachable to and [detached] detachable from the housing (4). [By means of making it possible to detach the] The facing [(10)] is detachable from the cushion [(9) as well, a headphone device can be obtained, in which] to keep the earpad [can be kept] clean [and that have improved hygiene].--

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-2 have been amended as follows:

--1. (Amended) A headphone device, comprising:  
an earpad [to be] worn [from the outside] on an exterior of [the] an ear on the head of a user; and  
a housing [that is] provided with a speaker unit [as well as] and a fitting portion on which said earpad is [fit]

located, [characterized in that] wherein

said earpad [comprises] includes a cushion and a facing that covers said cushion[,], and

said earpad [can also be attached] is attachable to and [detached] detachable from said housing and [also,] said facing [can also be detached] is detachable from said cushion.

--2. (Amended) [A] The headphone device as set forth in claim 1 [characterized in that the], wherein an external shape of said cushion of said earpad is [formed in a] circular [shape].--